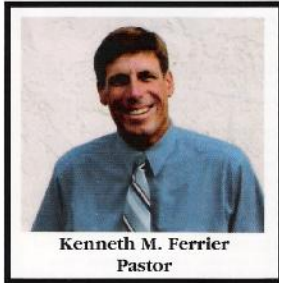


## A Five-Year Check-Up



Kenneth M. Ferrier  
Pastor

It hardly seems possible but this October will mark the fifth anniversary of my Installation as your Pastor here at Redeemer. If I recall correctly, it was right around August 2002 when I reached the decision to accept the Call to come to Redeemer. When I stop to think about all that has happened—and changed—during the past five years it is both overwhelming and deeply humbling. I am reminded (and not so gently!) of how little control I, or any of us has, over LIFE. At the same time I am immensely encouraged as I recall that we are all in the hands of the One who IS in control.

I'd like to take this opportunity to focus on a few bright spots—and a few challenges—that are approaching on our horizon. First of all, the bright spots:

Our Redeemer Long Range Planning Committee is continuing to work with all of our Congregational Officers and Board Directors in developing a 10-year Vision for Redeemer Lutheran Church and Child Care. Each Board is then responsible for formulating an "action plan" for the role it will play in helping to make the vision a reality. All of this is the continuation of the Long Range Planning Retreat which was held in the summer of 2006. As I'm sure you can appreciate, boiling down vague ideas into nuts-and-bolts action plans takes time—and a lot of work. Please keep Dr. Bud Harty and the Committee in your prayers as they continue to provide leadership in this very important endeavor.

Before I shift our focus away from Long Range Planning I think a footnote is in order. As we all know, things aren't "booming" like they were back in 2002. Hurricanes, taxes, insurance, and advancing years have depleted the vitality of our area...and of our congregation. In the past few years scores of people from our Redeemer family have moved out of the area. A glance at the local economy and housing market shows that we aren't the only ones who have experienced such setbacks. At the same time, however, corporations like Wal-mart and Home Depot have invested heavily in our area because they believe that Charlotte County will soon be "booming" once again. The "Baby Boomers" have just started hitting retirement age and there is every reason to believe that a good portion of them will end up here. If God wills that such projections hold true will Redeemer be ready...to respond in ministry...to receive and integrate new members...to reach out to the hurting and spiritually lost among that wave of new people?

That's why – even while we are currently in a type of "hang-in-there mode" (and the discouragement that goes with it) – it is vitally important to pursue our Long Range Plan. If you think of the people who will be led to our area as molten metal, then our Long Range Plan is the "mold" which needs to be ready and in place in order to shape our ministry as they come. Even if you or I might no longer be here in 2016, may it be our prayer that Redeemer will be poised to be a powerful instrument in our Savior's Kingdom! (Whew—that's quite a footnote!)

# A Five-Year Check-Up

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The second “bright spot” I want to mention is our Redeemer Child Care. I don’t think too many of us can fully grasp how far Shawn Richard and Shirley Byrne helped our Child Care to develop over the past 10 years. There were more headaches and hiccups than anyone could have foreseen. The fact remains that Redeemer Child Care now has a fully equipped physical facility, capable of ministering to well over 100 children each day.

We have also been blessed with an energetic and enthusiastic new Director, Brandy Bilhardt. She is already grabbing hold of the reins to help raise our Child Care to the next level in excellence.

Finally, the School Board (which governs our Child Care) has been completely reconfigured. More than three-quarters of our Church Council members are now set to play an active role in the support and supervision of Redeemer Child Care. I am praying that this will usher in a new era of interaction between our Child Care and our overall ministry as a congregation.

Now let me shift our focus to a few challenges:

The most critical challenge that I see on our horizon is really not on our horizon; it’s right on our doorstep. It is time for every able-bodied (or even not-so-able-bodied) member of our congregation to take on an active service role. We have a dedicated “core group” of workers who have been carrying the burden of responsibility for the entire congregation. That can’t go on! Please note that I am not asking for ‘VOLUNTEERS’. A “volunteer” is someone who decides whether or not he will be a worker. If you are a Christian that decision has already been made for you ... by your Lord. When Jesus calls us to faith He also calls us to service.

As part of my personal/pastoral five-year review I’ve been looking over our church membership roster. Obviously our church family has a significant number of members who are no longer physically capable of hands-on service. If you are one of these please remember how powerful and vital your prayers can be! Pray for me...for our church leaders and workers...for our Child Care Director and Staff. Pray that God will change the hearts of those who could help but aren’t. Pray that God will bring into our midst new workers in His harvest field. Pray that we will be able to reach out in a winsome way to our community.

My review of our church roles also turned up 29 different families/individuals who (to the best of my *limited* knowledge) could very well serve in a variety of ways. But, as far as I know, do not. That is not an accusation (I don’t claim to know what is going on in other people’s lives) but it is a challenge. It’s something we all need to talk to our Lord about—and then listen as He talks to us in His Word. What would HE say to us if we try to tell Him we can’t serve Him because: “I’m too busy” ... “I’m retired” ... “I’ve already had my turn” ... “I did that back home”???

# A Five-Year Check-Up

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In all frankness I have to say that every person who IS currently filling a role of responsibility at Redeemer could have just as easily responded with those kinds of statements—with that kind of attitude. But thank God they responded by saying, “Here am I ... send me!”

Your Lord, your church, your Pastor, your brothers and sisters in Christ need you in the following areas:

- School Board – Director
- Fellowship Board – Director
- Buildings and Grounds – Director and many handymen/handywomen
- Board of Elders – more Elders needed
- Ushers – additional ushers are always needed/welcomed
- Many other areas as well

If you are interested in serving in any of these areas I urge you to call me as soon as you finish reading this.

I also urge everyone who reads this to pray (*right now—I'll wait!!!*) that God will move many to serve gladly and willingly in these—and countless other ways ... and pray that His name would be glorified (and our joy multiplied) as we watch those prayers being answered.

In your service and His,

*Pastor Ferrier*

## Sunday Bulletins

If you need a large print bulletin, they are available by simply asking one of the Users and they will be happy to give you one.



*Pat Wilcoxon*

Pastor	Rev. Kenneth Ferrier
Office Secretary	Pat Wilcoxon
Organist	Nancy Gunterman Lanette Schmidt

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Building & Grounds	
Child Care Director	Brandi Bilhardt
Christian Ed.	Nancy Gunterman
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Human Care	Marj Sterriker
Outreach	Carol Haupt
School Board	Stacey Depersia
Stewardship	Ray Altmann
Youth	Jim Wright

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Men's Group	Bob Mortenson
Red Hat Society	Sandra Distasio
Christian Support Group	

# President's Corner



The President's Corner

The Church Council and I thank you for your continued prayers and support. We thank God daily for all the blessings he showers on us.

In our last newsletter you may recall that I wrote about that we as members of Redeemer are equal share holders in carrying out the mission that the Lord has for our congregation. This means of course that we have equal ownership in the mission of what we call Redeemer Lutheran Church.

As equal shareholders we are expected to support the mission of Redeemer based on the talents and treasures that He first gave to us; however, we have a free will in how we choose to use these gifts. We can exercise the right to use the talents and gifts or we can even forfeit this right by not using the gifts that each of us has been blessed.

When I think of ownership I also think of pride in ownership. When you own something that has some importance to you, are you not proud of that possession? Do you not take steps to maintain that possession? If there is something about that possession that isn't quite right, don't you take steps within your means to correct the problem? If feasible do you not take steps to improve that possession?

Please consider the following as a shareholder in the mission of Redeemer. Do you take pride in your ownership? Are you exercising your rights of ownership with the gifts and talents you were blessed with or are you depriving yourself of the joy of sharing in the mission?

I am sorry for all the questions, but I sense that unfortunately some of us that call Redeemer our church home have not considered our individual role in the mission of our congregation; therefore, we have deprived ourselves of the opportunity to use those gifts HE first gave us. What happens when we deprive ourselves of those opportunities? Unfortunately just about everything has a cost. So what is the cost here? First, there is a personal cost. Not knowing the joy of being an active instrument in the work of the congregation and with that comes the loss of ownership and the pride in the ownership. Secondly, there is the possibility that function or task might not be done and that opportunity which could possibly have lead to reach additional souls might be lost forever. Now that is an awesome cost.

Ours is an urgent business. Everyday is the last day for someone. Our task is to reach everyone we can with the GOOD NEWS and to be effective each part of the Body, **THAT IS ALL OF US**, have to take our rightful share in ownership based on the gifts and talents by which we were blessed.

Should you need guidance in matching your gifts and talents to the needs of our congregation please contact Ray Altmann, Brenda Kraft, or Earl Stuck.

*Joe Carlos*

# Stewardship

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod encourages the study of the biblical Stewardship Principles developed by the Department of Stewardship several years ago. Your Board Stewardship is presenting in the next several monthly newsletters one of these eight principles. We hope you take the time to read and study these, and that you find them helpful. One of the Stewardship Principles follows:



## GOD'S STEWARDS ARE LOVED AND LOVING

What does this mean:

God's stewards recognize that their stewardship flows out of God's act of love for them in Christ which empowers them, in turn, to love others in acts of Christ-like love.

What does God's Word say about this?

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us. (cf. 1 John 4:11).

1 John 3:16-18 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

John 13:34-35 A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know you are my disciples, if you love one another.

2 Cor. 5:14-15 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all have died. And he dies for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Gal. 5:6b That only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

How is this done?

As children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit's help, we will:

- Emphasize that all activities of Christian stewards done in faith and love are properly Christian stewardship;
- Honor the choices God's people make as they exercise Christ-like love; and,
- Use only those approaches, strategies and methods that reflect the Gospel and build up the stewards' faith active in love.

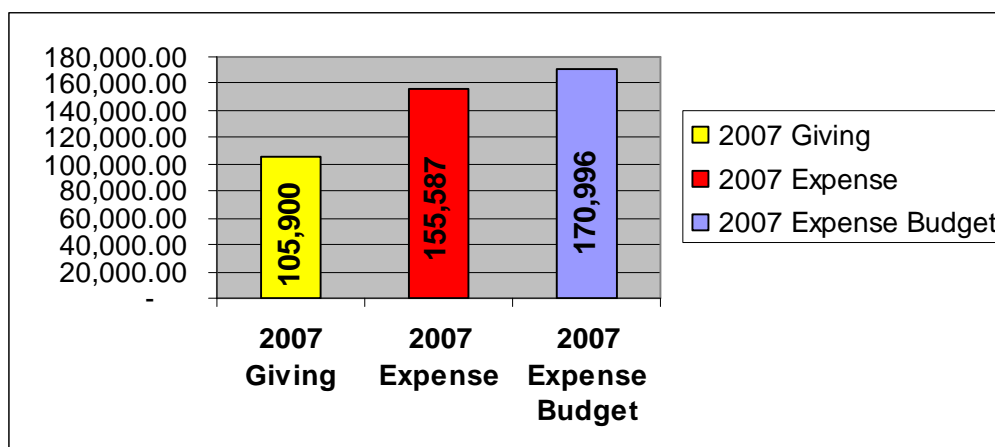
As children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit's help, we will not:

- Employ techniques and fundraising methods that fail to emphasize God's love in Christ as the basis and motivation for Christian stewardship;
- Minimize the bringing of regular offerings as a part of worship and a loving response to God's love for us; or,
- De-emphasize or set aside God's love and our response in order to meet budgets, quotas, and goals.

*Submitted by Ray Altmann*

# Finance

	<u>2007 Giving</u>	<u>2007 Expense</u>	<u>2007 Expense Budget</u>
January	18,056	19,419	33,804
February	19,634	26,638	25,622
March	20,950	28,215	36,631
April	25,608	26,003	26,702
May	11,455	42,022	22,718
June	10,197	13,290	25,519
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>105,900</b>	<b>155,587</b>	<b>170,996</b>



## Active List of Dedicated Funds

Servants in His Mission has been Paid IN FULL and closed, please do not use the envelopes in your giving book.  
 Giving can be substituted to Debt Reduction (Pay off Mortgage) or any other dedicated fund.

Building Fund	Choir Fund	Disaster Relief Fund
Future School Fund	Outreach Fund	Rally Fund
Building Maintenance Fund	Stephen Ministry Fund	Retreat Fund
Debt Reduction Fund	Human Care Fund	Migrant Workers Fund
Memorials General Fund	Thrivent Fund	LWML Fund
Child Care Fund	LCMS World Relief Fund	Family Assistance Fund
Youth Ministry Fund	Office Equipment Fund	Horvath Family Fund
Memorial Garden Fund	Tape Ministry Fund	Englewood Helping Hands
		Church World Services

# From the Office

Please make the following changes to your bright pink 2007 Church Directory:



## CHANGES

Carol and Susan Haupt    Address:                      158 Clear Lake Drive  
Englewood, FL. 34223  
Phone # 941-460-8830

Roger and Barbara Vick    Address:                      13324 Golf Pointe Dr.  
Port Charlotte, FL 33953  
Phone # same

## TRANSFERS

Don and Mary Blakley to Alabama.  
Barbara Clark to Michigan.  
Norma Spaw to Madison Wisconsin

## DECEASED

David Perry    June 10, 2007

## REMOVED BY ELDERS

Frank and Linda Pontello  
Sharon Schultz  
Jason Schultz

*Thank you, Pat Wilcoxon, Church Secretary*

THANK YOU to my Redeemer Family for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, food and help. God bless all of you.

Helen Perry



# Service Directory/Classified Ads

## Services

Beautician/Manicurist

Debbie Balogh

Purple Palace

941-475-0731

Experienced 10th grade babysitter, available evenings and weekends, or for summer position. Contact Chelsea Gunterman 941-544-2797 or 941-474-0774.

## For Sale

Nutri-system 4-week shipment of food in unopened box. Original cost \$280, sell for \$200. Also, additional meals at no cost. Call Ed at 475-8116.

### HP Ink Jet Printer Cartridges.

Black—#56—Original Cost: \$20. Now—\$10

Color—#57—Original Cost: \$40. Now—\$20.

Call Ginny Doenges —697-2429

Fostoria American Dishes (large lot). The Youth are selling this online at eBay. However, if you are a collector or know someone who is and would like to buy it directly from them, please call Michelle Ferrier at 697-0502.

Tommy Hilfiger "tommy" cologne spray, 1.7 fl. Oz/50 ml. Brand new in box.  
7 bottles available.

\$10.00 ea.

Call Michelle Ferrier — 697-0502

# Building & Grounds



NEEDED: Building and Grounds is doing a "Fellowship Building Beautification Project" (outside grounds). We need donations of money to make this a success. We need to buy plants and mulch. When you donate please mark your envelopes or checks "Fellowship Building Beautification Project" and put it in the offering plate. Any questions please see Shirley or Ernie Ferguson.

Submitted by Shirley Ferguson





## GREETERS SCHEDULE

### Assimilation

Aug. 5 The Assimilation Board Members

Aug. 12 The Assimilation Board Members

Aug. 19 The Assimilation Board Members

Aug. 26 The Assimilation Board Members

*Submitted by Pam DeGourse*

Aug. 5 Margie Cypher & Diana Collins

Aug. 12 Joe & Connie Friess

Aug. 19 Clare Kieselburg

Aug. 26 Patrick & Jackie Wall

*Submitted by Betty Rowe & Pam DeGourse*



## USHERS THIS MONTH

### August

Aug. 5 Earl & Avis Stuck  
Shirley Zatkalik  
Ray Janssen

Aug. 19 Earl & Avis Stuck  
Shirley Zatkalik  
Ray Janssen

Aug. 12 Earl & Avis Stuck  
Shirley Zatkalik  
Wilbur Bruce

Aug. 26 Earl & Avis Stuck  
Shirley Zatkalik  
Wilbur Bruce

*Submitted by Ray Janssen*

# Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submission of articles for September is Sunday, August 19th by 12 noon.

If you have an article you would like to submit for the newsletter, either e-mail it to [letastender@ewol.com](mailto:letastender@ewol.com) or place it in the newsletter box in the church office.

Articles received after August 19th will be held for the October newsletter.

Please be sure to put your name on the article so I can contact you if there are any questions.

Please Note: New email address: [letastender@ewol.com](mailto:letastender@ewol.com)

Leta Stender



# Long Range Planning

## Looking Into the Crystal Ball

By 2017, Redeemer Lutheran Church and Child Care is a unified, community church which fully integrates year-round and seasonal members of all ages. Membership, which is very attractive to community residents, has increased steadily, with new member numbers exceeding losses. We have 600 active, full-time members, 300 associate members, and regularly-attending non-members.

Our purpose is to extend and nurture the Church of Jesus Christ by preaching and teaching the Word of God, by administering the sacraments, and by fostering Christian fellowship, all according to the confessional standards of the LCMS.

The church is financially sound with excess funds going to the endowment fund for future growth and maintenance needs. The members are 'mature Christian' stewards who understand the value of Christian stewardship principles, and who lovingly give of time, talent and treasures. All boards are fully staffed, we have no problem getting workers. A large number of our member have committed to tithing.

We have expanded and added to our ministries, offering more services to the community, including a K-8 Christian day school and a regional (circuit) high school. We have an active youth ministry and a strong elder ministry, which includes a Redeemer adult day care center and a regional (Circuit) assisted living facility (ALF). The people of Englewood know Redeemer to be a loving, caring, growing family of believers.

As a result of our growth, we will have physically expanded the church building, adding more seats and building additions to support our worship activities (music, kitchen, sound system, audio visual equipment, etc.) The Fellowship Hall would be expanded or replaced, insuring adequate facilities for social activities, dinners, offices, lounge areas, showers, etc. A new Christian day school will be constructed on the premises. Additional land may have to be acquired.

*Submitted by The Long Range Planning Committee*

# Outreach



*"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." --Matthew 28:19*

## HIDE IT UNDER A BUSHEL....NO!!!!

Remember the words of the children's song, "This little Gospel light of Mine?" One of the verses says, "Hide it under a bushel, No! I'm gonna let it shine." I love that song, and its admonition to us is so true. We have received a wonderful gift from Jesus—he gave his life so that our sins would be forgiven and we would have eternal life with Him. This is truly Good News (Gospel). Let's not be selfish and keep this wonderful blessing to ourselves, i.e., hid it under a bushel. Let's tell others so that they, too, can have the hope that is in Jesus. We should be ever mindful of opportunities to share this good news. What better way to love our neighbors!

## Weekend Signs

I hope you have noticed the new signs which we have planted around town. We now have 24 Redeemer signs and 12 more have been ordered. These signs will help to make "Redeemer Lutheran" a household name in our community. We now have too many signs for just one or two people to put up on weekends. We are therefore asking for able-bodied volunteers to help with this outreach work. We'd like to have several people to put up signs, each in their own neighborhoods if possible. For example, if 12 people plant signs, that's only 3 per person. If you are able to do this, please contact Carol Haupt at 460-8830 (new phone number).

## VBS Publicity

The VBS banner was up on SR776 and Mayport for 30 days (special permit from the county and with permission of the owner of the lot, Ron Smith, our Englewood State Farm agent). This banner not only advertised VBS, but also Redeemer Lutheran Church and Child Care. Notices were also placed on local radio stations and in the three local newspapers. We got a lot of coverage. Our Youth and Sunday School kids put out door knob invitations on houses in our neighborhood. Many thanks also to our members who placed door knob invites on houses. Many new children came to VBS as a result of these efforts. SEE WHAT WE CAN DO WHEN WE ALL GET INVOLVED. Thanks to all who helped spread this good news.

## New Tract Rack

Please check out the new Tract Rack in the Narthex, near the refreshment table. We have a lot of new tracts—take as many as you'd like. Tracts are an excellent way to spread the good news—give them to friends, neighbors, relatives, leave them on restaurant tables with your tip, put them in doctors' offices, restaurants, other places of business. The tracts cover many different topics—I'm sure you will find just the right one. We have stamped the name of Redeemer Lutheran Church and Child Care on the backs, along with our address and phone number, so an extra side benefit of this evangelism effort is advertising for our church and child care. Please help in this new outreach effort.

## Visitor Parking Signs

Many thanks to Ernie Ferguson and Larry Gunterman for installing the new "Visitor Parking" signs. It is our expectation that these signs will add to our efforts at making visitors feel welcome to our church. Keep an eye out for people parking there, make a point of talking to them, help them feel part of the family.

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# Outreach



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## Pioneer Days Parade (Labor Day)

We plan to participate in the Pioneer Days Parade on Labor Day, September 3, 2007. We will be needing volunteers, so if you'll be in town that day, hold that day open. We will walk in front of our bus with our Redeemer banner, pass out candy and information about Redeemer and Child Care, talk to the people along the parade route. This will be lots of fun and, again, put the name of Redeemer and what we have to offer before the members of our community. Let's all get involved.

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. -1 Peter 3:15

*Submitted by Carol Haupt*

## Happy Birthday Bertha!!



## Our Oldest Member of Redeemer Celebrates Her 104th Birthday on July 10th!!!!



# Redeemer Book Exchange and Library



## New Redeemer Book Exchange & Library

The new book exchange and library in the Fellowship Hall is expanding by leaps and bounds, so much so that we are in need of another bookcase. If you have one you would like to donate, or if you run across one at a garage sale, contact Carol Haupt ((941-460-8830) or Leta Stender (941-830-1412). Look for the bookcase by the Crafts.

Here's how it works:

- **Book Exchange:** Bring a book you no longer want and exchange it with one you haven't read! You may never have to buy another book!!
- **Library:** Borrow a book, return it within a reasonable time.

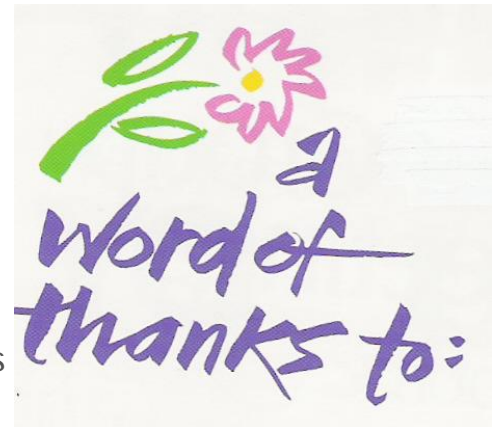
This is an honor system so you don't need to check in with anyone.

If you have any questions, call Carol Haupt (941) 460-8830 or Leta Stender (941) 830-1412.

*Submitted by Carol Haupt and Leta Stender*

Dear Redeemer Family

- - - Truly you all are my Florida family. You've prayed for Marion and me and all my brothers and sisters. My entire family believes in prayers and thanks each and every one of you. Our merciful Lord called my sister Elizabeth Linhardt home on June 23rd, after months of prayers from all of you. She had "patches" of comfort and I sincerely believe our prayers were heard and God gave her comfort. Please accept my sincere gratitude for all those untiring and caring prayers. They were very comforting to me, too.



I've been so blessed being in the Redeemer Family.

Thanks again!

Much love and prayers,

Marie and Marion Talley

# Footprints IN THE SAND



Try this craft at the beach, at the park or in your own sandbox at home. It will remind you whose footprints we should follow.

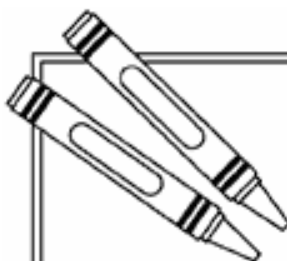
## What you need:

- Plaster of Paris
- Sand (beach, park or sandbox)
- Small shells (optional)
- Water
- Small bowl
- Stick, toothpick or skewer (optional)



## What you do:

1. Find some moist sand by digging down a little.
2. With a bare foot, make a footprint in the sand.
3. (Optional) Place shells face down on the toe imprints as toenails.
4. Follow the plaster of Paris directions for mixing the dry plaster with water in bowl.
5. Fill the footprint with the plaster and smooth the surface.
6. (Optional) Using a stick, toothpick or skewer, write "Direct my footsteps" (Psalm 119:133) or "Follow Me" (John 10:27).
7. When dry, place the foot in your garden, yard or room.
8. Remember to turn the foot over to remind yourself of whose footprints we should follow, and that we are never alone.



# Just for KIDS

## Unique Creations

Have you ever walked along the shore and noticed the footprints you make in the sand? A famous poem called "Footprints in the Sand" reminds us we are never alone.

Unscramble each word and write it inside the footprint. See what Psalm 119:133 (NRSV) says about our footsteps. (The bold letters are the first letters of the words.)



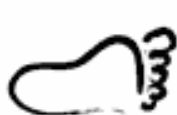
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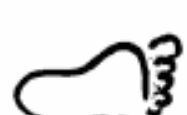
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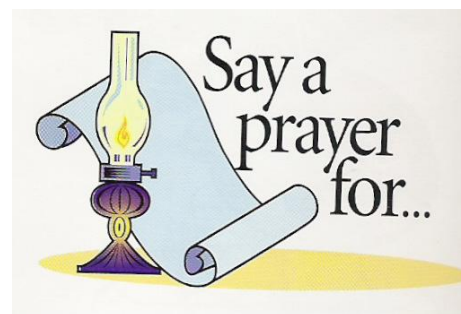


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**Psalm 119:133, NIV**

Answer: "Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me."





### HEALING:

#### Members

Ray Altmann  
 Wilbur Bruce  
 Gene Eiler  
 Norman Grewe  
 Mark Horvath  
 Bob Johnson  
 Lessie Kirch  
 Cliff Larsen  
 Tom McGrath  
 Ken Mielke  
 James Overmyer  
 Steve Procuk  
 Katie Rudolph  
 James Wonsey, Sr.

#### Friends & Relatives

Jim Bergman  
 Glenda Burgh  
 Jim Cleary  
 Esther Gaskill  
 Jeanna & Mike Gohl  
 Dick Haynes  
 Sandy Hubbard  
 Cheryl Harfst  
 Danny Jollay  
 Nathalie Kiedaisch  
 Don Korfmacher  
 Rev. David Maier  
 Tommy Palmer  
 Annette Peters  
 Cheri Petersen  
 Marion Talley  
 Dean Turner  
 Ruth Turner  
 Pat Vovcsko  
 Charlie Welch  
 Francis White

PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR LANETTE SCHMIDT AND FAMILY  
 WHOSE BROTHER-IN-LAW WILLIAM C. EVANS WAS CALLED TO HIS  
 ETERNAL HOME.

### MILITARY PERSONNEL & FAMILIES



Herb Bohm  
 Gloria Carlson  
 Ruth Jansch  
 Bertha Sandhusen  
 Ruth Sutley  
 Shirley Youngberg

# Vacation Bible School

Praise the Lord, our prayers were answered!! We prayed to the Lord that He would show us ways to fill our Vacation Bible School with new children from the community, the Childcare and our members and He certainly did just that. July 23 -27 from 9:00 - 12:00 our church buildings were bustling with activity as we were privileged to share the truth of the Gospel with an average of 26 children each day. This was no small task, so once again the Lord provided 24 helpers each day to carry out His work!! A million thank you's could not begin to cover the true gratitude I am feeling for the generous amount of time everyone spent making this program a success. That being said, I do thank each and everyone of you who participated in any way, from cookies, to teaching, to taking to time to pray for our success, to the folks who made it a point to "spruce" up our grounds before VBS, to anyone who helped spread the word by placing door knob hangers, and also to the parents who brought their children, or let us borrow them for the week. THANK YOU ALL!!!!

On the first day 5 members, 11 childcare, and 19 "new" children were registered. 11 family's listed a 'church home' and 3 listed 'no church', while 3 listed a Lutheran background. The children from other church backgrounds posed many interesting questions to our leaders as they were hearing some Gospel Truths for the first time and recognizing the differences in beliefs. God planned all of this so well, because we were blessed to have very strong, well informed leaders in place willing to take the time to go to the Bible to actually show the children...The Truth!! Seeds of faith were planted and we now have the job of praying for these children so the Holy Spirit will nurture their 'new faith.' (Just when you thought our work was done...)

The children were placed into 4 similar aged groups called Quest Groups. All groups met in the Sanctuary for the opening where we sang songs, met Dakota Joe in person, and got our first clue for the day which would lead us to the Truth, God's Word, The Bible. Then each group went to one of 5 Quest Sites for their Bible Story, snack, music, Bible challenge, or craft. All returned to the sanctuary for a closing and a cliff hanger to bring them back the next day! The Children also brought offerings to send to a blind Mission opportunity that we learned about. Our adventure wrapped up with the children singing a song in the worship service on Sunday, July 29. Once again, Praise the Lord, and thank you, and pass along a word of thanks to anyone on the following lists.

Registration:	Susie Haupt, Dorothy Sinowetski
Kitchen:	Brenda Kraft, Shirley Ferguson
Snack Lesson Leader:	Helen Sturzenbecker
Quest Group Leaders:	Group 1 & 2 Childcare Preschoolers: Brandy Bilhardt, Callen Palmer, Debbie Lullo
Group 3:	Kelly Acuna-navarro, Brenda Dalton, Miranda Leksche
Group 4:	Michelle Oliver
Group 5:	Chelsea Gunterman
Quest Site Leaders & Asst.	Amazing Bible Stories: Carol Haupt, Margie Cypher, Susie Haupt, Georgette Callahan, Helena DeGourse, Tom Kirkland
Music:	Michelle Ferrier
Crafts:	Sarah Ferrier , Karen Kirkland, Dorothy Sinowetski, Nathan Gunterman, Tom Kirkland
Bible Challenge:	Rebekah Ferrier
Opening:	Pastor Ferrier a.k.a. Dakota Joe, and Michelle Ferrier
Closing:	Michelle Ferrier

**Also a big thank you to Publix, Sweetbay, Sam's Club, and Winn Dixie!!!**

*Sincerely, Nancy Gunterman VBS Director*



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# Horvath Family Room Addition



# Shirley Byrne & Shawn Richard Farewell



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## *Redeemer Lutheran Child Care & After-School*



### Recipe/Snack

#### Idea

#### Cheese Spread

Your will need:  
1lb.American cheese,  
cubed

½ cup plain yogurt

Pepper to taste

Chives to taste

You will:

Blend the cheese and yogurt together in a blender until smooth.Add the pepper and chives and mix thoroughly. Serve on crackers or your favorite veggies.

### Birthdays

Jason 8/3

Olivia 8/9

Matthew 8/16

Eva 8/19

Michael 8/30

Allison 9/3

Madeline 9/8

Peyton 9/12

Claudia 9/21

Kaitlyn 9/21

Johanna 9/21



### We Need

The child care is always in need of craft items (construction paper, craft sticks, glue, paint, etc.) Also we are looking for small 3 wheel plastic bikes for the children to ride.Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

### Thank You's

Thank you to all of the parents, child care workers and the congregation, for welcoming me into your church and child care family.

Brandy Bilhardt